

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022*

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Sharm El-Sheikh,  
Egypt**

*November 10, 2022*

*China-U.S. Relations*

*Q.* Mr. President, do you think that your conversations with the Chinese President will be productive?

*The President.* I always think my conversations are productive.

Anyway——

*Russia/Ukraine/The President's Upcoming Travel*

*Q.* Are you hopeful that the conflict will be resolved with Russia and Ukraine, sir?

*The President.* Look, I don't think the conflict will be resolved with Russia and Ukraine until Ukraine gets out of—until Putin gets out of Ukraine.

Anyway, you guys, I'm heading down to—first of all, going to Cairo for the environmental effort, then heading over to Colombia and then—I mean, Cambodia. I was thinking—I'm thinking the Western Hemisphere. And then off to Indonesia. So there will be a lot to talk about.

*House Minority Leader Kevin O. McCarthy*

*Q.* Kevin McCarthy says you congratulated him, when you spoke with him, on winning the majority. Is that true?

*The President.* No, I congratulated him—I said: "And if you win the majority, congratulations. But congratulations so far; you've made some gains."

*Senate Runoff Election in Georgia*

*Q.* And, sir, do you plan to go and campaign in Georgia for the runoff election?

*The President.* I plan on doing whatever the—he wants me to do for him.

*2022 Congressional Election*

*Q.* Can you keep the House, Mr. President?

*The President.* Well, you know, it's still alive. It's still alive. [*Inaudible*]*—it's like drawing an inside straight. But it's still alive.*

*Q.* When are you——

*Brazil-U.S. Relations*

*Q.* Mr. President, when are you meeting the new Brazilian President, the next President—Lula? When that's happening?

*The President.* I—we don't have a date yet.

Thank you.

*Q.* Did Herschel Walker——

*Q.* Mr. President—[*inaudible*].

*U.S. Democracy*

*Q.* You said yesterday that the Constitution—[inaudible]—is involved with whether former President Trump could run. Did you mean that he might not be able to run because of the 14th Amendment?

*The President.* No, no, I said respecting the institutions matter. And one of the things I know you all kind of dismissed in my talking about whether or not we had, in America, a land that was consistent with our institutions, and I talked about whether or not there was going to be any shenanigans in the way in which we did our elections. And I notice all you are talking about it now. Welcome aboard.

*Q.* Thoughts on Brittney Griner, Mr. President?

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:27 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia; and Sen. Raphael G. Warnock. Reporters referred to President Xi Jinping of China; President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil; Georgia Republican senatorial candidate Herschel Walker; and Women's National Basketball Association player Brittney Y. Griner, who was arrested by Russian authorities on February 17 and sentenced to prison on August 4. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 11. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

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